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Dear Mister Hoover,

Recently here at Preble High School we had a talk given by Mrs. Lula-Belle Holmes on her opinions on what is happening in the United States of America. As a result of the talk, we have had many class discussions on what she said and of the credibility of the statements she made. Therefore, we would appreciate it very much if you could send us information concerning her (she did say that she had worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation) and the more-recent racial riots. But if this isn't possible we would be almost as appreciative if you could send us the addresses of places where we could write and get the information.

Yours truly,

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October 21, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D. C. 20535

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Mr. Hoover:

While in my car on July 30, 1968, I was listening to a radio program which featured a re-broadcast of Miss Lola Belle Holmes. She was introduced as a former Undercover Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was telling of her experience.

Miss Holmes was talking about Communists having infiltrated our churches and especially the Catholic Church. Since I am a Catholic and am quite concerned about Communism, I paid closer attention to what Miss Holmes was saying. In response to a caller's question regarding the possibility of some priests being Communists, she said that there are several and even a few Bishops. I recall that the caller asked her if she could name them and she said that she could.

The same day, I wrote to Miss Holmes and asked her to send me what information she might have on this subject. On September 17th, she sent a letter telling me that she did not have the time to give me the information - due to her speaking schedule and a lack of secretarial help. She is planning to do research on the subject soon and will then write about it.

I again wrote to her on September 22nd, and asked her for specific information as to who these men are, both at a national level and more especially, here in Chicago. I haven't received a word from her.

Mr. Hoover, I feel that an unfair light has been thrown on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have always had high regard for your agency and for you. I think it unfair for Miss Holmes to make use of her former association with your agency to appear on radio and offer to supply the people with information which she either does not have or in fact, is fabricating for financial gain.

Communism is too great a threat to our Nation and we ought not be fooled about it.

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We're in Trouble Says Miss Holmes

By TOM EVANS

SOMERVILLE — Lola Belle Holmes told it like it was, like it is and like she's afraid it will be before an enthusiastic SRO crowd of 243 in the American Legion Home Tuesday night.

Miss Holmes, who worked as an undercover agent for the FBI from 1956 to 1963, cited examples of the Communist Party's takeover of the civil rights movement in America, which she said she discovered in those seven years.

Miss Holmes, who is three-quarters American Indian and one-quarter Negro, said the Communist Party dispatched agents to several southern cities in an effort to promote civil disorders in 1965.

WARMS TO SUBJECT

She said, "the coming Negro violence and the war in Vietnam are knives aimed at the heart of America."

Warming to her subject for the evening, "The War on Poverty is a Fraud," Miss Holmes told the ultra-conservative gathering, "the role of these poverty warriors has been to spread gasoline through the streets, dispense matches to an already inflamed populace, then hide until the holocaust is over, while Communist revolutionaries provide leadership and direction for looting, incendiarism and murder."

Miss Holmes lashed out at the Office of Economic Opportunity, saying, "As the smoke clears, the OEO boys emerge in innocence to proclaim their purity of motives and declare that the riots were caused by discrimination, deprivation,

unemployment and poverty."

'WAR ON TAXPAYER'

She said the War on Poverty should be called "The War on the Taxpayer." Miss Holmes charged that millions of tax dollars were being used (through the OEO) to finance violent civil turmoil. She asked for an immediate halt to the War on Poverty.

Commenting on the Kerner report, which indicated a possible trend toward white racism in America, Miss Holmes said, "If believing the law should be enforced and believing in protection of your home makes you a white racist — then I'm a white racist!"

In a question-and-answer period, Miss Holmes said nothing is being done about her undercover discoveries because the Justice Department is "controlled by the Communists."

She also said she doesn't believe Governor George Wallace is a racist "just because he's a white southerner." Then, cautioning the all-white crowd that this wasn't a political rally, Miss Holmes said, "I'm going to vote for Wallace myself."

REVOLUTIONARIES QUIET

Asked what percentage of the Negro population were with her, Miss Holmes replied, "Quite a few, but many are

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We're in Trouble

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afraid to say so." She said the revolutionaries have been told to "cool it" until after the election, which was the reason for lack of riots in recent months.

Miss Holmes tabbed the Federal Urban Renewal program "a part of the Communist Party program."

She also said the Democratic Party is "dedicated to Communism." Although she would not call the current national Democratic candidates communists, she said, "Sometimes non-Communists can do the Communist Party's work better than Communists."

UN 'DANGEROUS'

About the United Nations, Miss Holmes said it was "very dangerous." She said it was "Communist-controlled, with the United States paying the bill."

Asked about gun-control legislation, Miss Holmes termed it "part of the Communist conspiracy."

The program was sponsored by Somerset County TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil) Committee. Miss Holmes urged all those present to become active with TACT "to prevent the rights of freedom from going out all over the world."

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if someone on your staff could assist me in answering a constituent inquiry.

Enclosed is an advertisement regarding a meeting held recently in Cody, Wyoming. Unfortunately, the item doesn't state the name of the publication in which it appeared. Perhaps it was newspaper in the Cody area.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with some information on the organization mentioned, the speaker, Lola Belle Holmes, and on what is meant by O.E.S. Is Miss Holmes connected in any way with the FBI?

Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

CPH

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United States Senate

Ltr from:



Respectfully referred to:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Because of the desire of this office to be
responsive to all inquiries and communications,
your consideration of the attached is
requested. Your findings and views, in
duplicate form, along with return of the
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

March 10, 1969

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20530

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]
M. C.

SPARK MATSUNAGA, M. C.
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Infiltrator To Discuss Work

Lola Belle Holmes, who infiltrated the Communist party in the United States for seven years for the FBI, will speak at 8 p.m. May 8 at the Holiday Inn East as a part of Project Knowledge.

edge, sponsored by the Greater Springfield Support Your Local Police Committee.

Tickets for the speech are available from Box 2332, Springfield. Memberships in the organization also are available at that address.

made as a part of Project Knowledge.

Several other activities are in the planning stage. Mel Jones of Chatham is chairman of the group's executive committee.

By the end of April, the first of five mass mailings to 1,000 key citizens will have been

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The State Journal
Register

Springfield, Ill.

Date: 4-13-69

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Editor: Edward H. Armstrong
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WINS STANDING OVATION

Ex-Red For FBI Tells Story

By FREDDA GAGE

Avalanche-Journal Staff

Miss Lola Belle Holmes told it "like it was"—as she saw it—to a capacity crowd at Lubbock Christian College Friday night.

An anticipated crowd of 180 persons who had bought advance tickets, turned into 486 and had to be moved from the smaller Mabce Auditorium to the college cafeteria to hear the former FBI agent.

"In America," the speaker told a rapt audience, "our first job is to stop and route the Communists."

She then outlined Communist activities which occurred and of which she had been a part in her six and a half years as a Communist for the FBI including plans for the march on Washington.

"I love America and its people. My people, the Negroes," said the woman who grew up doing chores on her father's Louisiana farm and attending a segregated grade and high school and "loving it." Her

father told her that you "only get out of this world what you put into it. So hold your head high and walk with dignity."

This, she says is what the Negro race must do—"move away from the Aunt Jemimaism and Uncle Tomism with dignity."

In naming key Communist infiltrated and concentrated organizations in the U.S., Miss Holmes cited United Auto Workers, the National Council of Churches, Students for a Democratic Society and the War on Poverty program. In a question-answer period, she said that the "Communists had only infiltrated the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the point of controlling the money."

In Vietnam, she said, "we are just killing off the cream of the crop in young Americans. I want it (the war) won and bring our boys home."

In speaking of her visit at Dunbar High School Friday, Miss Holmes revealed that this

was only the second time she had been allowed to speak to a group of Negroes since her expulsion from the Communist party in 1962. She criticized her reception and then said: "They think I don't know what happened in the Communist party," and here her voice rose then broke in emotion, "I know what happened."

"We must stop Communism, so that this country, this wonderful country will never perish from the earth." With that, Miss Holmes received her second standing ovation of the night.

Preceding her honorary citizen award, the pert, vivacious speaker smiled as Mayor W. D. Rogers Jr. commented hers was "one of the truly great speeches I have heard."

Miss Holmes was in the Hub City under the auspices of the Lubbock County Support Your Local Police Committee headed by Charles Guthrie.

ON 'REVOLUTION'

Undercover Agent To Talk At LCC

Miss Lola Belle Holmes, a veteran of seven years' undercover work for the FBI, will speak on "The Revolution Is Planned!" at 8 p.m. today in the auditorium of Lubbock Christian College.

Her sponsors say Miss Holmes infiltrated the Communist apparatus for the FBI in 1956. Continuing, they say:

Movement Used

"While working within the Communist Party in Chicago she helped the Communists carry out their orders to use the so-called civil rights movement as the torch to light a fire of revolution in America. She rose to positions of prominence in the Communist-created Negro organizations and in the party itself. For seven years she took orders from Communist bosses and reported all to the authorities."

"In 1963," her sponsors here say, "she surfaced to give testimony before various government bureaus. The Illinois Department of the American Legion awarded her the Citation of Distinguished Service to the United States in 1964 for her bravery and patriotism."

"The Giant Octopus"

The speaker is being brought to Lubbock by the "Lubbock County Support Your Local Police Committee" which was formed to encourage local law enforcement personnel and to help guarantee that Lubbock police remain independent of any centralized control. Sponsors include: the Rev. Bert Homer, Dr. Patrick Pappas, Olen Beard, the Rev. Wesley Davis, Dr. Cadman Chaffin, Hilton Sherrod, Dr. Melville Monte, John Chezem, Dr. George Beck and C. A. Porter.

Admission cost to the lecture is \$1.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: SAC, DENVER [REDACTED] (RUC)
SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau 7/24/69.

Enclosed for Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum.

On 8/4/69 subject was interviewed at the Summit Hotel, 935 Osage Avenue, Manitou Springs, Colorado, by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time she was cooperative and acknowledged making the statement attributed to her, "Communists had only infiltrated the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the point of controlling the money." HOLMES produced a press clipping from the 5/3/69 Saturday morning edition of the Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, in which the quotation appears in a report of her speech at the Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock, Texas, on 5/2/69.

HOLMES stated at this time she would make available the complete text of her speech which contained documentation of the basis for the above quotation. HOLMES declined at that time to furnish a verbal basis for the above quotation, stating that the basis would be best set out in the complete context of her speech, which she has made in numerous parts of the country.

HOLMES stated that she would have to arrange the text and would make it available for Bureau copying in the near future.

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On 8/12/69 HOLMES was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] at which time she stated she had decided to reveal the basis for her statement only to an appropriate Senatorial Investigative Committee as she is "tired of the information furnished by her to the FBI being buried in FBI files."

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HOLMES was questioned as to what she meant by this, and she explained that information furnished by her to the FBI in the past had resulted in no action and apparently, as far as she could determine, had not been disseminated to the appropriate parties.

HOLMES was assured that this was not true and that any information furnished by her to the FBI would be disseminated to proper authorities for their action. HOLMES remained steadfast in her refusal, however, and the interview was terminated.

LOLA BELLE HOLMES

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"THE REVOLUTION IS PLANNED!"

"The revolution, with its bombs, riots, fires and
death is being financed by the War on Poverty."



For every war there are heroes. When a need arises, unlikely people step to the fore to demonstrate unlikely courage, bravery and ability. Such a person is Lola Belle Holmes. She has known for a good while that there is a war in progress, one where a sinister conspiracy makes war against free people everywhere.

Lola Belle Holmes has been in the front lines of this war since 1956 when she infiltrated the Communist apparatus for the F. B. I. For seven long years she took orders from Moscow and reported all to the authorities. She rose to positions of prominence in the Communist-created Negro organizations and in the Communist Party itself. In 1963, she surfaced to give testimony before various government bureaus.

She continues in the front lines of this war, though in a markedly different way. For now Lola Belle Holmes is trying to reach fellow Americans whom she maintains "are in the midst of a revolution of such magnitude that it is like a giant octopus with its tentacles spreading into every walk of life." From her past associations, from continuous knowledge of the strategy of subversion and from an awareness that comes from front-line duty, she has pinpointed the source of the revolution — "The United States Government through its Office of Economic Opportunity is supplying our enemies with the means to destroy our country."

Every one of us has a stake in this war. If you care at all about the future and want to know how to protect it, then don't miss Lola Belle Holmes at

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Negro Woman Says Communists Spark Civil Rights Movement

By DICK WRIGHT

Mrs. Lola Bell Holmes is a 40-year-old woman from Louisiana who has been most of her life in the North and doesn't go for civil rights movements because she says they are planned and started by the Communist Party.

She said the "war on poverty" is financing a communist-inspired revolution in the United States today.

Mrs. Holmes also denounced Martin Luther King Jr. who she said "the Communist Party kicked out and dumped on Negroes."

She declared that Communists planned and wrote the 1965 voting rights bill.

One More Knife
"The coming Negro trouble," she said, "is but one more knife of the Communists in America."

Mrs. Holmes also predicted a depression that could make the 1930s look like the good old days.

"I am a Christian and was raised a Christian. I believe in the American way of life," she said. She added that she believed in freedom and that "the Communist Party is a threat to the Negro people."

Mrs. Holmes spoke at a meeting sponsored by the LSU Young Americans for Freedom. Mike Connelly, YAF president, introduced her as a woman who spent six and a half years as a Communist for the Black Hand.

Deplored Student Paucity

Most of the crowd were what Connelly described as "townspeople" and deplored the fact that so few students were present to hear Mrs. Holmes. "Every poster we put up got smashed, gets torn down by somebody," Connelly said. But there were some students there, some who strongly disagreed with Mrs. Holmes' view of civil rights activity. There were about half a dozen Negro students on hand.

During her speech, Mrs. Holmes denounced charges of police brutality as a Communist tactic. After her talk, a Negro student asked her what she thought of policemen who supposedly shot a Negro boy who rode his bicycle into the area where a Montgomery church was bombed.

"Did you see it?" said Mrs. Holmes.

"Maybe the police thought the boy bombed the church. I don't know the situation. How do I know that you are telling the truth?"

She suggested that maybe the boy refused to stop when ordered to do so.

Mrs. Holmes gave a major portion of her hour and a half speech to denouncing the Office of Economic Opportunity and how its money fosters allegedly communist front organizations. She also denounced rioting and burning in Negro ghettos, acts which she said were in some cases abetted by anti-poverty workers.

"When the smoke clears, the OEO boys emerge to declare that the riots are caused by poverty," she said.

"After each new riot, the public is treated to double talk."

She also scored the "riot commission" or Kerner Report and said it was a "big thick volume with lots of pictures and double talk."

She said that everything the report stated had agreement from Gus Hall, a leader in the American Communist Party.

"I honestly believe Gus Hall cannot be duped," she said.

Advocates Negroes Work Hard

Mrs. Holmes advocated that Negroes get jobs, work hard and get an education and she said she believed in American capitalism. The war on poverty, she declared, is providing "billions to finance the revolution, your destruction."

"You are in the midst of revolution," she said.

"It is like a giant octopus... financed by your dollars."

Asked how the people could stop the anti-poverty program, when elected congressmen don't seem to pay attention to the voter, Mrs. Holmes said Americans still had the right to impeach elected officials. Another member of the audience stood up and said:

"Our congressman from the district is on our side and has been on our side all the time."

"Here's a man who you should support," Mrs. Holmes said.

Asked about the Students for a Democratic Society, Mrs. Holmes said she doesn't know too much about them, except that she had read in a report from FBI Director J. Edgar

Hoover, that "they planned to blow up some government facilities."

She suggested to the audience they do all they could to keep an SDS chapter from forming at LSU. The SDS, she said, are getting worse than the W.E.B. DuBois Club, a Marxist-oriented group once popular on campuses.

Asked about her feelings on the Ku Klux Klan, Mrs. Holmes said, "I never heard them advocating the overthrow of the government." But she quickly added that she doesn't approve of violence.

Saying she knew little about the Klan, she added "I can't go under the sheets and find out."

At one point in her talk, when she had been heckled briefly by some students, Mrs. Holmes told the group:

"If you kill me for telling the truth, then I don't care because I'll go home to my God and be free."

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TO : Mr. Tavel
FROM : J. W. Marshall

DATE: 12/4/70

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Bulky Exhibit File Number:

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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Reason for Decision

Exhibit consists of copies of informant reports, original main hand Chicago. Possibility of further testimony re: it.

Signature of Reviewing Supervisor

Robert C. Fulton

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Unfortunate Choice At VHS

According to a recent report, Miss Lola Belle Holmes, a former FBI undercover agent, spoke before the student body at the Vienna High School last week.

In reading what she had to say, we became quite disturbed to think that the high school students of Vienna might believe that the things she said represent the actual situation today.

It is no secret that there was and still is a communist conspiracy in the United States but all reports for some time now indicate that the U. S. Communist party is only a shadow of its former self and that the threat we face from it is insignificant. If that were not true then it would mean that all of the efforts made by the FBI for all these years, including the work done by Miss Holmes, has accomplished nothing and no progress has been made.

She is quoted as saying the communists "are responsible for the wide-spread promotion of dope, immorality and rock music." We do not like communists nor do we like dope, immorality and rock music but we cannot believe there is any connection between the two.

She said that "the 'establishment' communications media purposefully omits the important activities of the communists and instead tells just the opposite of the truth."

This is incredible! Who are the 'establishment' communications media? They are simply influenced by the media to the Left, decreasing the communist influence.

It is quite dismaying that this woman should try to sell her phony alarmist package to the youth of Vienna.

Since she left her undercover work in 1963, she is apparently making a career out of talking about it. It may be good for her business to juice up her presentation—but not before high school kids in Vienna.

This speaker belongs in a 1948 radio drama series; she was a most unfortunate choice of speaker at VHS

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SAC, St. Louis

8/6/71

Director, FBI

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LOLA BELLE HOLMES
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ReCGairtel 8/2/71 captioned as above.

You are authorized to contact the representative of the law firm of Evans and Dixon as set forth in referenced airtel to acknowledge letter and to furnish the following information concerning Holmes.

Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of the FBI, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with a long-standing policy, further comment concerning Lola Belle Holmes cannot be made.

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NOTE:

SAC C. W. Bates of the Chicago Office received a letter from Hugh D. McNew, Jr., of the law firm of Evans and Dixon in St. Louis, Missouri. McNew, as an enclosure to his letter, sent an authorization by Lola Belle Holmes to permit the FBI to verify her services with the FBI. McNew advised Holmes has filed a Workmen's Compensation case and his firm is defending on behalf of the employer and insurer.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main File No:
See Also: 157-13625

Date: 4/11/73

Subject: Lola Belle Holmes

Date Searched: 2/14/73

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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Holmes, Lola Belle
Coffee, Eve (Code Name)
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Frost, Lola Belle
Holems, Loula Bell
Holmes, Frank Mrs.
Holmes, Lola
Holmes, Lola Bell
Holmes, Lola Mae
Holmes, Lolabelle

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info. Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Lola Belle Holmes can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

NALC Negro American Labor Council.

The Chicago PD advised that Lola Belle Holmes was nominated to serve on the Resolutions Committee at the Second National Convention of the Progressive Party (100-357934) held in Chicago on 2/24-26/50.

Above informant reported that Holmes attended the State Convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago held on 4/15-16/50.

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100-357934-151 p.3,14

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100-357934-132 p.3,23

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The Chicago PD advised that Lola Belle Holmes attended the Mid-Century Conference for Peace in Chicago from 5/29-30/50. Holmes was listed among Communists and Communist sympathizers present at this meeting.

It was noted that this Conference was sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives (100-364437).

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100-364437-36 p.39
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On 6/5/50, [redacted] at 847 East 50th Street, Chicago, residence of Theodore Hall (65-59122), furnished miscellaneous items which had been in the possession of Hall and appeared to pertain to the Progressive Party. A card captioned "PP" bore the name "Lola Holmes" and a card captioned "PP Housing, Concent" bore the notation "Holmes letter".

The 3/19/50 Illinois edition of "The Worker" carried an article captioned "Delegates from All Sections of Organized Labor Set Up a Permanent Chicago Labor Committee for Peace This Week." The article disclosed that Lola Belle Holmes of the Ladies Garment Workers Union was elected as Executive Board Member.

The serial revealed that the Chicago Labor Committee For Peace was the Chicago Branch of the National Labor Conference For Peace, a communist instigated and dominated agency.

"Daily Worker," issue of 4/18/50, contained an article which disclosed that Holmes was elected as Vice Chairman of the Progressive Party of Illinois.

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65-59122-138 p.24,25,57
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100-370471-2 p.11,12,15,16
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East 51st Street, Chicago)

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[redacted] advised on 9/12/50 that Lola Belle Holmes, a Vice-Chairman of the Illinois Progressive Party (100-357934) in 1950, was a member of the CP.

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100-357934-620 p.168,191
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[redacted] advised that he knew Lola Belle Holmes, of the Ladies Garment Workers, to be a member of the CP. (Chicago report 10/11/50).

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100-363436-123 p.13,15

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[redacted] furnished a form letter dated 10/30/51, on the stationery of the Progressive Party (100-357934) of Illinois which listed Lola Belle Holmes as a Vice Chairman of the Party.

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100-357934-939 p.248,253

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The 5-26-52 edition of the "Daily Worker" datelined Chicago, carried an article captioned "Name Lovett Progressive* Candidate for Governor." Lola Belle Holmes was listed on the ticket as a candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts.

100-357934-A "Daily Worker" 5/26/52

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* Progressive Party (100-357934)

(S) [redacted] advised that in November, 1959, Lola Belle Holmes, a member of the Wagenknecht Section of the CP of Illinois, met with a committee from this group to determine why she had supported the Right Wing faction of the CP rather than the Left Wing at the State CP Convention* on 11/21-22/59. This committee included [redacted]

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100-352188-36 p.6

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[redacted] advised that Lola Belle Holmes, Geraldine Lightfoot and Ishmael Flory, CP members, participated in parliamentary discussions

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on 3/13/60 at the Plenary Session of the Midwest Conference of Negro Voters held in Chicago.

It was noted that this Conference was sponsored by the Chicago League of Negro Voters (100-429719).

100-429719-37 p.21

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SI 100-429719-33 p.5

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[redacted] advised that the State Board of the Illinois CP held a meeting on 3/20/60, at the home of Lolabelle Holmes*, a member of the Board. The establishment of various commissions of the Illinois CP was discussed at this meeting. Among those present was [redacted]

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100-248516-119 p.8

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* In Chicago.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that a meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP of Illinois was held in Chicago on 4-17-61. A sub-committee was established to draw up a CP program for Negro rights in Chicago. The Commission agreed that Ishmael Flory (100-42869), [redacted] and Lola Belle Holmes would serve on this sub-committee.

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100-42869-60 p.14

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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the NAACP" pertain to Lola Belle Holmes, a CP and NAACP member, during the period November, 1958-June, 1961 in Illinois and New York. During this period, she was active in NAACP affairs, attended the National Convention of CP, USA in NYC as a CP representative from Illinois, and was appointed to a committee to coordinate CP work with the NAACP in Chicago.

REFERENCE

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61-3176-2868 p.16,19
-3077 p.14,19-21
-3253 p.7,11,28
-3374 p.14

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[redacted] advised that on 11/1/61, Lola Belle Holmes met with [redacted], Clyde Lightfoot and [redacted] all members of the Illinois CP State Board. Lightfoot asked Holmes to state her grievances with the CP. Holmes felt the CP had not provided guidance to her in her NALC Executive Board position. Hall was upset with Holmes for not protesting an invitation being considered for Vice-President Lyndon Johnson to appear as the main speaker at the rally preceding the NALC Convention.

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This information was corroborated by [redacted] on 11/28/61.

100-40169-143 p.D,7,8

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The following references in the file captioned "CP,USA" pertain to Lola Belle Holmes, an official of the CP and the NALC from 10/12/59 to 11/25/61 in Washington, D.C., Illinois, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Holmes attended conventions and meetings of both organizations on a state and national level. She was a frequent speaker on Negro women's rights at these affairs. Holmes infiltrated the NALC and attempted to organize garment workers on instructions from the CP.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-3-6819 p.2,9 (Photograph)
-7082 p.E,K,106,155
-7344 p.56,58-60,90

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100-3-14-3726 p.D,N,8
-3732 p.D,P,7,8,27 (Background)
-3735 p.6
-3741 p.4,5
-3759 p.7
-3763 p.E,6,7
-3771 p.E,6,73,74

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Organization

100-3-69-7188 p.1,24,27
-7231 p.1,3,5,18
-7343 ep.1,2

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100-3-75-1817 ep.2,6,8

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Strategy In Industry

100-3-89-2440 p.D,12

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Southern Region

100-3-105-408 p.L,27

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Negro Question-Communist Influence
in Racial Matters

100-3-116-241 ep.3

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On 2/13/62, [redacted] advised that Emanuel Blum provided [redacted]
[redacted] the name of Lola Belle Holmes as a future contact
when he moved from Indiana to Illinois.

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Serial indicated that Blum was the former Chairman of the Indiana
CP District.

100-250706-49 p.4,5
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[redacted] advised that the officers of the Women's Peace and
Unity Club (100-417600) met in Chicago, Ill., on 1/16/62, to discuss
arrangements for their International Women's Day Dinner. [redacted]
in charge of arrangements for the affair, advised she had asked Lola
Belle Holmes to speak.

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On 3/10/62, the dinner was held in Chicago to raise funds
for peace work of the Club. Lola Belle Holmes gave a speech praising
the Russian Government in the fields of peace and civil rights and
criticized the record of this country in these fields. [redacted]
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100-417600-63 p.E,14,15,19
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A meeting of the Women's Peace And Unity Club (100-417600) was held in Chicago, Ill. on 4/3/62. A discussion was held at this meeting regarding the Club's International Women's Day Dinner in Chicago on 3/10/62. Critical remarks were made by those present of Lola Belle Holmes' speech at this dinner. [redacted]

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100-417600-71 p.E,10,11
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On 4/29/62, [redacted] advised Lola Belle Holmes, an Illinois CP member, and Claude Lightfoot (100-108) conferred regarding her status with the NALC. Lightfoot felt the CP of Illinois and the NALC should work in a more cohesive manner. He felt Holmes' problems in the NALC were attributed to the men in the Chicago Chapter resenting the leadership of a woman. Lightfoot said he would call a meeting of the CP group in the NALC to work out difficulties they have had with Holmes.

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[redacted] reported that on 8/22/62, Holmes met with Lightfoot, [redacted] of the CP of Illinois Negro Commission, and a CP group in Chicago concerning Holmes' method of work in the NALC and the disagreement of the Party with this method. A committee of CP members was assigned to assist Holmes in her duties as NALC National Executive Board member.

100-108-1029 p.E,33,34

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100-108-1053 p.D,22,23

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(S) [redacted] and [redacted] advised that Lola Belle Holmes attended a 9/20/62 meeting in Chicago, Ill., sponsored by the Modern Book Store (100-267791) to discuss a raffle and the Store's New Year's Eve party. Holmes was selected to serve on the New Year's Eve Committee.

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[redacted] advised that on 9/20/62 Holmes was also selected to serve on the Program Committee for the New Year's Eve Party. Holmes was a CP member as of 9/1/62.

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[redacted] advised that Lola Belle Holmes was a member of the Equal Rights Committee (100-439253) as of 10/18/62.

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[redacted] advised that Holmes was a member of the South Side CP Club* as of October, 1962.

100-439253-2 p.c,4,6
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* In Chicago, Ill.

On 12/21/62, a meeting of members of the CP of Illinois active in the NALC was held in Chicago, for the purpose of resolving the status of Lola Belle Holmes as a CP member active in the NALC. (Details set out) [redacted] and Lola Belle Holmes)

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Lola Belle Holmes advised she attended a fund raising party on 12/31/62, sponsored by the Modern Bookstore, a CP front, in Chicago. In attendance at the party was [redacted]

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100-19628-362 p.14
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Lola Belle Holmes furnished information during the period October-December 1962, regarding the activities of the Modern Book Store (100-267791) in Chicago, Ill., a CP operated book store which handled CP and Marxist literature. Holmes advised that CP members attended the Book Store's functions and purchased literature there.

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100-267791-228 p.4,11,15,16,19
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration Of The African-American Heritage Association" (AAHA) pertain to Lola Belle Holmes, a CP and Association member during the period February, 1959-December, 1962 in Illinois. During this period she was active in AAHA meetings as an Executive Board member and, as an

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official of the CP of Ill., worked to achieve CP goals within the association.

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100-429111-15 p.6,7,11,13,17
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-37 p.C,8,10
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A Departmental Attorney advised on 1/28/63, that the recent testimony by and the disclosure of Lola Belle Holmes as an informant before the Subversive Activities Control Board in Chicago laid the groundwork for her possible future use against [redacted]

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The following references pertain to information furnished by Lola Belle Holmes regarding individuals with whom she came into contact during the period of her active CP affiliation, 1957-63, in Illinois and New York. These individuals were affiliated with CP front or dominated organizations. Many were subjects of Bureau investigations.

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100-369675-25 p.4
100-403000-9 p.13
100-423987-21 p.3
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-118 p.20
-121 p.8
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100-441489-6 p.6
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	100-42869-75 p.9	(7)
	100-442529-1314 p.97	(14)
Abner Green	100-403000-9 p.6,7	(9)
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	138-4718-8 p.2,3	(14)	

A translation of an item from the Lithuanian language newspaper "Vilnis" (100-5403) dated 8/21/64, contained information regarding Lulubelle Holmes' activities as an FBI informant and her appearance before the Subversive Activities Control Board in Chicago on 7/2/64. Critical comment was made about the amount of money spent paying informants by the FBI.

Above translation enclosed
100-5403-371
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The following references in the file captioned "Awards To Bureau Informants By Civic Organizations" pertain to Lola Belle Holmes, a former Bureau informant from Chicago, Ill. From 6/63 to 7/29/64, she was considered for an award by the Fuller Products Co. of Chicago and was presented with an award by the American Legion of Illinois for her contributions to the preservation of American Society. Holmes was cited for work within the CP and her testimony for the Government against CP members and CP front groups.

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Lola Belle Holmes advised on 6/1/60, that she attended the founding convention of the NAAC in Detroit, Mich., from 5/27-29/60. Holmes advised that on 5/27/60, a caucus of CP people in attendance agreed to oppose any anti-communist provisions brought before the convention. [redacted] gave a strong speech against

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communism and won a vote for the anti-communist provision to the NAALC Constitution. Following the convention the CP people of Ill., in attendance felt it was a mistake to oppose the anti-communist provision.

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Holmes advised on 11/5/64, that she had contact with [redacted] since 1957 when he was an official of the NAACP in Chicago. From 1960-63 both were National Vice Presidents of the NAALC, but Holmes knew of no CP affiliations on the part of [redacted]

140-30082-12 p.24-26
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Lola Belle Holmes, a former CP member, advised that during a discussion in March, 1965, at the Chicago Urban League, the name of [redacted] was mentioned as a possible participant in civil rights demonstrations in Alabama.

It was noted that [redacted] had attended CP of Illinois meetings in 1962.

100-442529-889 ep.3
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The following references pertain to Lola Belle Holmes' testimony and subsequent identification of CP members and organizations controlled by the CP before the HCUA in Chicago, Ill., on 5/25/65. Information regarding Holmes' CP activities and her functions as an FBI informant from 1957-63 in the Chicago area were set out. She had been very active in labor and racial groups during this period on both a state and national level.

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61-7582-5892 ep.29-34,36-44

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62-111181-3981 ep.51,65

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On 6/28/65, Lola Belle Holmes of Chicago, Ill., advised she would be willing to appear before a hearing board regarding the activities of [redacted] and other individuals whom she believed were board members or officials of the Afro-American Heritage

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Association during the period she knew [] was associated*.

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* 1960 in Chicago.

[] advised that during a CP of Illinois meeting in December 1965, CP member [] stated that Claude Lightfoot, CP of Illinois leader, led the fight to place Lola Belle Holmes on the State Board of the Party. This led to the alienation of [] from the Party.

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100-273373-55 p.1,4

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In testimony before the HCUA Hearing in Chicago, Ill. on 5-25-66, Lola Belle Holmes named [] as a [] of the Illinois CP. Holmes also stated [] of a CP caucus to work in the Women Strike for Peace.

61-10347-102

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In an anonymous letter to Mr. Hoover, postmarked 9-27-66, Los Angeles, Cal., the writer criticized the John Birch Society (62-104401) and the alleged Communist infiltration of the FBI and mentioned that Lulu Belle Holmes attended meetings (not described) with [] of Two Way Radio Station, KLAC, Los Angeles, Cal. (Letter set out)

62-104401-2986

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The Joliet, Illinois, PD advised that a group from the Joliet Chapter of the NAACP picketed a 6/29/68 meeting sponsored by Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT). They were protesting the appearance of Lola Belle Holmes, a former Bureau informant. TACT was associated with the John Birch Society.

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On 7/12/68, there was a disturbance at the Tex Bar-B-Q House in Jeffersonville, Ind. The trouble stemmed from resentment over statements made by Lola Belle Holmes that the CP had infiltrated civil rights groups and that she supported George Wallace for President. Holmes had been making speeches in the Louisville, Ky., area concerning her alleged activities as an undercover agent for the FBI. A reception for Holmes had been held earlier in the day at the restaurant. [redacted] NAACP, Jeffersonville; [redacted] of the Jeffersonville Social Concerns League; and the Jeffersonville PD)

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